

Workers' Compensation Oversight Panel  
October 17, 2016

MINUTES

**Location:** Department of Labor Fox Valley Annex

**Called to Order:** 4:10 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:** Barry Bakst (via telephone), Douglas Briggs, Glenn Brown, Edward Capodanno, James Downing, Harding Drane, Anthony Frabizzio, Richard Heffron, Joseph Rhoades, Bruce Rudin (via telephone), Theresa Smith, Wayne Smith, Joseph Straight, Joseph Williams, Patrice Gilliam-Johnson. **Administration:** Julie Petroff, Stephanie Parker, Oliver Cleary, Susan Justison, T'Nika Wilmore (DOL); Alan Schwartz; Fred Townsend: OptumInsight (via telephone).

**Record of Votes Taken:**

1. Mr. Frabizzio made a motion to approve the June 13, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved with amendments.

**Actions Agreed Upon:**

**Public Comment:**

In Attendance: Sarah Brase-Davis, Esquire (Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics), John Pedrick (DCRB), John Horne (Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics), Leandro I. Espinal, Cheryl Heiks (Cozen O'Connor)

Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics

1. John Horne, president and owner of Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics (IPO) commented that "...the current Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule fails to reasonably reimburse for prosthetic devices in the State of Delaware". According to MediCare, Codes for individual devices include time, assessment, labor, fittings and adjustments. Inhibiting them from providing proper care. Want reasonable reimbursement rates.
2. M. Jean Boyle, Esquire, attorney for Leandro I. Espinal commented that Mr. Espinal is a Customer of Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics and was able to get back to work and a

“normal” life through the efforts of IPO. If he can’t work then he would have to go back on Workers’ Compensation.

**Adjourned:** 5:28 p.m.

**Future Panel Meeting Dates – DOL Fox Valley Annex:**

December 19, 2016

**Future Subcommittee Meeting Dates:**  
**Fee Schedule & Data Collection Sub-Committee**

November 7, 2016

November 28, 2016

December 12, 2016